



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.2

Soil moisture supplies: 16% very short, 43% short, 36% adequate and 5% surplus

Field Crops Report

Dry and windy conditions persisted across the state. Producers completed 97 percent of spring plowing, 3 points ahead of the 5-year average. Some corn had begun to suffer due to dry conditions. The majority of the rice crop had reached the point of being able to handle a permanent flood, while other rice fields were flushed for the third & forth times. Some rice received a second shot of herbicides on Clearfield varieties with some small stand problems emerging and colaspis found in a couple of fields. Emerged sorghum increased to 51 percent, 6 points ahead of the 5-year average. Soybean planting remained slow due to dry conditions with only 41 percent planted, 4 points behind the 5-year average. Due to cool evenings and overcast days, winter wheat turning color was slow, reaching only 9 percent lagging 43 points behind the 5-year average. Rust had shown up on some wheat. Fertilization of sugarcane fields was coming to a close, and producers began to prepare fallow land for fall planting.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Producers were still harvesting greenhouse tomatoes and strawberries.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen continued to cut hay. Some producers fertilized pastures in anticipation of rain that didn't happen as pasture conditions continue to deteriorate. Crawfish farmers were still harvesting nice-sized crawfish.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2009	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	97	93	97	94
Cotton	Planted	48	32	55	53
Hay	First cutting	31	13	19	21
Rice	Planted	92	89	86	86
	Emerged	80	69	69	73
Sorghum	Planted	86	80	49	72
	Emerged	51	37	0	49
Soybeans	Planted	41	31	41	45
Winter Wheat	Headed	96	89	100	99
	Turning Color	9	1	52	52

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	4	29	60	7
Rice	0	2	31	54	13
Sorghum	0	2	53	45	0
Sugarcane	4	16	55	18	7
Winter Wheat	0	4	43	46	7
Livestock	1	6	42	45	6
Vegetables	4	10	40	41	5
Pasture	2	13	46	34	5

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/26/10 TO 05/02/10

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	TEMPERATURE MIN	AVE	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	(90)	46	69	68	0.23	3.90	13.10	18.57
Minden	89	43	67	67	0.04	1.21	12.44	20.49
Mooringsport	87	45	69	MM	0.17	1.31	12.38	16.76
Extreme/Average	90	43	68	68	0.15	2.14	12.64	18.93
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	87	43	68	68	0.16	1.56	11.13	21.40
Homer/Hill Farm	87	(39)	65	66	1.81	3.65	16.54	20.63
ULM-Monroe	84	47	66	68	0.09	3.44	13.21	22.77
Columbia Lock	86	46	69	MM	0.24	1.15	9.88	23.57
Extreme/Average	87	39	67	68	0.74	2.12	12.52	21.55
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	84	47	68	67	0.34	1.98	11.07	23.87
LSU-St Joseph	85	46	70	69	0.39	0.73	15.67	23.36
LSU-Winnsboro	85	45	70	68	0.21	1.71	11.08	22.74
Tallulah	85	45	69	68	0.63	2.45	12.83	23.28
Extreme/Average	85	45	69	68	0.39	1.72	12.66	23.24
4. West-Central								
Leesville	85	41	70	68	0.21	0.63	11.88	20.40
LSU-Rosepine	85	42	70	68	0.17	1.27	13.66	20.11
Natchitoches	88	48	71	68	0.21	1.29	11.93	20.29
Extreme/Average	88	41	70	68	0.20	1.06	11.88	20.24
5. Central								
Alexandria	80	46	65	70	0.21	0.59	13.42	22.00
Brusly	MM	MM	MM	69	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	22.92
Bunkie	86	48	72	70	0.24	0.76	16.36	23.08
LSU-Alexandria	85	47	71	69	0.25	0.34	14.26	20.96
Extreme/Average	86	46	69	70	0.23	0.56	14.68	22.08
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	84	44	69	MM	0.18	1.25	15.19	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	86	49	71	70	0.18	0.36	11.05	21.51
Amite	86	44	69	69	0.31	1.84	15.54	25.06
LSU-Hammond	86	44	67	69	0.07	2.25	12.72	23.74
Slidell	85	50	70	70	0.01	1.56	16.99	22.51
Extreme/Average	86	44	70	70	0.17	1.25	14.69	23.61
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	85	47	71	70	0.00	1.56	16.33	20.63
Jennings	86	51	73	70	0.14	0.88	11.22	18.72
LSU-Crowley	88	50	73	71	0.09	0.49	9.25	19.51
Extreme/Average	88	47	72	71	0.08	0.98	12.27	18.96
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	88	52	71	71	0.00	0.17	12.40	21.12
LSU-Jeanerette	87	53	73	70	0.00	1.13	11.10	18.89
Morgan City	83	53	71	70	0.00	0.18	8.73	19.44
Extreme/Average	88	52	72	71	0.00	0.49	10.74	19.81
9. Southeast								
Galliano	84	51	73	71	0.00	0.32	16.17	20.74
Houma	84	51	72	72	0.00	0.66	12.46	19.76
Terrytown 3S	87	56	73	MM	0.00	1.36	14.44	MM.MM
Reserve	MM	MM	MM	70	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	22.91
Extreme/Average	87	51	72	72	0.00	0.78	14.36	21.26
State Averages	90	39	70	70	0.22	1.19	13.14	21.12

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. to Date = Through May 02, 2010

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